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REMARKS

Status of this application

In the Action mailed on December 26, 2007, it was indicated that the Amendment filed on October 19, 2007 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because withdrawn claims 2, 4-8, 10, and 11 were identified with the status identifier (withdrawn) but the text of the withdrawn claims was not included in the current copy of the claims supplied with the Amendment. It was further noted that the newly added claims which are readable on the elected species must be identified.

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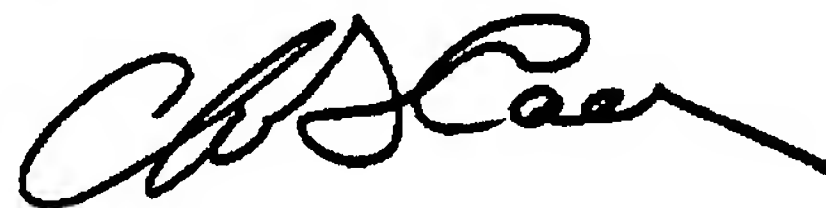
This response includes a current copy of the claims that includes the text of the withdrawn claims.

The Amendment filed on October 19, 2007 withdrew or canceled all of the previously submitted claims 1-11 in favor of the protection afforded by newly submitted claims 12-25. As indicated in that prior Amendment, all of the new claims are directed to elected species of Fig. 7 (and are further generic to the similar species of Fig. 8) and set forth the use of first and second springs where the second spring releases energy to rotate a foot member about an ankle joint. It was further pointed out that this subject matter is clearly distinguishable from the system disclosed in Petrofsky et al. U.S. Patent 5,888,212, the reference upon which claims 1-11 had been rejected.

Conclusion

It is believed that this amendment eliminates all of the outstanding objections and rejections, and allowance of newly submitted claims 12-25 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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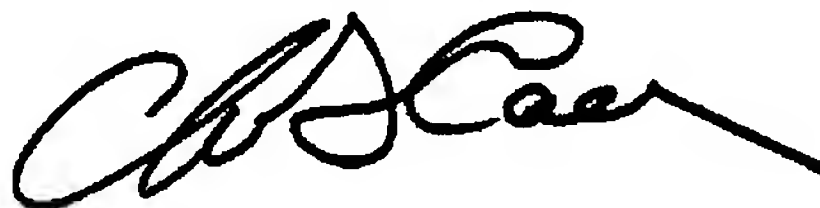
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